

REMARKS

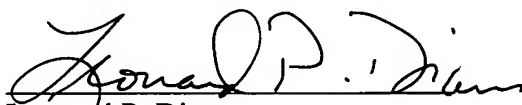
Claims 1-18 are now presented for examination. Claim 10 has been amended to eliminate the multiple dependency, and Claims 10/2 - 10/9 have been rewritten as Claims 11-18, respectively. The abstract has been rewritten as a single paragraph, as required by the rules.

Claim 1 is the only independent claim.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Leonard P. Diana", written over a horizontal line.

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